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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN RESPONSE TO SOVIETS ON SVALBARD FPZ

REF: STATE 123506

1. RE PARA THREE REFTEL, NORWEGIAN LOS MINISTER EVENSEN MET
WITH SOVIET DEPUTY FISHERIES MINISTER SHIGALOV IN GENEVA ON MAY 15
(RATHER THAN MAY 12). SUBSTANCE OF EVENSEN'S RESPONSE WAS AS REPORTED
BY BARTH TO FUNSETH. SHIGALOV'S REACTION WAS QUOTE NOT DRAMATIC
UNQUOTE AND DISCUSSION WAS RELAXED AND FRIENDLY. EVENSEN REPORTEDLY
READS THIS AS A POSITIVE SIGN.

2. RE PARA FIVE REFTEL, FOSTERVOLL ON EVENSEN'S STAFF GAVE E/C
COUFNSELOR FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT SUBSTANCE OF QUOTE
LENIENT ENFORCEMENT. UNQUOTE SHOULD TRAWLERS BE OBSERVED IN THE
PROHIBITED FISHING ZONES, THEY WILL BE ESCORTED OUT OF THE ZONE AND
THE GON WILL ISSUE A WRITTEN WARNING. NO ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO
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BOARD TRAWLERS IN THESE ZONES OR FORCE A DEPARTURE AT LEAST FOR THE
TIME BEING. ENFORCEMENT OF NEAFC REGULATIONS IN THE FPZ ITSELF WILL
FOLLOW CURRENT PRACTICE WHICH INCLUDES ON-BOARD INSPECTION AND A
WRITTEN WARNING IN THE EVENT OF VIOLATION. VIOLATIONS IN THE FPZ WILL
BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BY THE GON IN ITS DECISIONS ON FISHING
LICENSES FOR FOREIGN VESSELS IN THE NORWEGIAN ECONOMIC ZONE.

3. COMMENT: THE AREAS AROUND BEAR ISLAND AND THE WEST COAST OF
SVALBARD ARE STILL ICE BOUND AND FISHING HAS NOT YET STARTED.
BEAR ISLAND WILL BE OPEN SOON, HOWEVER, AND RUSSIAN INTENTIONS WITH
RESPECT TO THE NEW REGULATIONS SHOULD BE CLEARER BY MID-JUNE.
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